

Hearing Aid Compatible Telephones
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(1) Digital wireless phones tested: Edge Wireless Licenses, LLC (“Edge”) operates a TDMA and GSM 1900 MHz system and acquires wireless telephone handsets manufactured by Nokia, Sony Ericsson, Panasonic and other manufacturers. Edge is not aware that any commercially available handsets are compliant with the ANSI C63.19 standard (“Compliant Phones”). Accordingly, no phone devices have been tested to date. However, Edge offers a “Loop Set” adapter for most of the Nokia phones it sells, and has received favorable response from its customers.

(2) Laboratory used: Edge does not presently conduct internal testing of handset devices for compliance with the ANSI C63.19 standard and will rely on the manufacturers to perform such testing in the future.

(3) Test results for each phone tested: As indicated, no tests have been conducted to date.

(4) Identification of compliant phone models and ratings according to ANSI C63.19: As indicated herein, Edge has not yet identified any available TDMA or GSM handset devices that are compliant with the ANSI C63.19 standard.

(5) Status of product labeling: Edge relies upon the manufacturers to label all products prior to their shipment to our retail locations.

(6) Outreach efforts: Edge staff is trained in the use and sale of Loop Set adapters and have provided these Loop Set adapters to customers in need of such assistance. Edge

will train its employees and make information available when Compliant Phones become available.

(7) Retail availability of compliant phones: No Compliant Phones are presently available in Edge's retail outlets.

(8) Incorporation of hearing aid compatibility features into newer models of digital wireless phones: Edge relies upon handset manufacturers to incorporate HAC features into future GSM and TDMA phones.

9) Activities related to ANSI C63.19 or other standards work intended to promote compliance with the FCC Order: Edge relies upon handset manufacturers to incorporate HAC features into future GSM and TDMA phones..

(10) Number of compliant and non-compliant phone models offered at this time:
Edge's core assortment presently includes numerous models of GSM and TDMA handsets. To its knowledge, none of these are Compliant Phones; however Loop Set adapters are available from Edge for most Nokia phones.

(11) Differences in handset offerings among regions in service areas, if any:
There are no differences in handset offerings among regions in Edge's service area. Edge's handset offerings are presently consistent in all markets.

(12) Ongoing efforts for interoperability testing with hearing aid devices: To date, Edge has not conducted interoperability testing due to the non-availability of Compliant Phones.